

September 2, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The rescheduled Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on August 28, 2008, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Dennis Nero, Thomas Farley, Richard Dornisch, Richard Gabler, Jr., Sean Gabler, and City Manager David Greene

Absent: Steven Skok (excused)

VISITORS

Visitors included: Michael Yeager, Colleen A. Nero, Warren Stewart, A. McDonough, and Richard Sadley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
August 18, 2008

Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the minutes of August 18, 2008, seconded by Sean Gabler, and all were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
Michael Yeager,
Camp Owners
Association

Michael Yeager, Camp Owners Association, presented concerns the association has regarding the construction of the Industrial Park, such as: smashed or plugged sewer across driveway; sides of sewer line needs ditched; entrance to driveway & part of road damaged; location of water tap; detention pond drainage; missing road sign; Camp Owners Association sign damaged; and in the winter, snow drifting across the roads (nothing to stop wind).

Manager Greene noted the contractor is not finished and requested that Mr. Yeager provide him with a list of the association's concerns. The Manager will then meet with the contractor.

Warren Stewart

Warren Stewart asked for an update on the Industrial Steel building and the parking garage. He was informed Industrial Steel is in the process of moving to their new location. No time line can be given at this time. The Manager stated as soon as they are moved, the hazardous removal contractor will begin. After they are finished, the buildings will start coming down.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION
Consider for Adoption
Resolution No. 08-19
re: Street Lighting
Project

Resolution No. 08-19 was presented authorizing the City to file a proposal for funds with the Department of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$50,000. to be used towards a Street Lighting Program for Railroad Street and Erie Avenue for the installation of Victorian Lamps. The overhead lights would be eliminated.

CITY OF SAINT MARYS RESCHEDULED COUNCIL WORKSESSION

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Sean Gabler made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-19, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

2009 Minimum Municipal
Obligation Report for
Pension Plans
(MMOs)

Manager Greene presented the City's 2009 Minimum Municipal Obligation Report for the Pension Plans. This report is prepared every year. Act 205 requires that the report be approved and submitted by the governing body of the City by September 30, 2008. Total requirements for the Police Pension is \$60,231.44 and for the non-uniformed employees \$88,933.82.

Thomas Farley made a motion to approve the 2009 MMOs, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Sean Gabler stated, in reference to Warren Stewart's comments, it is the City's intent to provide some sort of temporary parking when the Industrial Steel buildings are torn down.

Richard Dornisch commented on the lack of signs at the airport and felt something should be done. He stated at least put up temporary ones especially to the new restaurant. The Manager stated signs to the terminal building and the new restaurant are up and that the sign to the Camp Owners will be put up tomorrow.

Thomas Farley referred to articles that were in the press regarding the recycling program. He stated apparently DEP is coming back with a strong arm stating they are not going to fund any grants if a municipality does not have a "no burn" ordinance and a mandatory "garbage collection" ordinance. He was concerned that the City may not receive any grants for recycling if they are not in compliance.

It was noted that the City is in compliance. The Manager will provide copies of the ordinances to Council.

Richard Dornisch felt because of the huge area of the City, it would be almost impossible to enforce the no burn and the garbage collection ordinances.

Thomas Farley questioned if the City is going to renegotiate the recycling contract with Elk Waste. The agreement was effective on the 1st day of January, 2008 and shall extend for a period of one year and thereafter, it shall automatically renew each year unless terminated by either party by providing a 120 day written notice prior to a decision to terminate the agreement.

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COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dennis Nero questioned if the City was going to start early negotiations with the union. The Manager stated he is waiting for responses back from the union and our Solicitor.

Richard Dornisch stated he will be attending the Recreation Board meeting tomorrow night to express his opinion against a proposed new swimming pool. He felt the existing pool should be repaired. Mr. Dornisch noted the cost to rebuild a portion of the existing pool would be way below the estimate to construct a new one.

Dennis Nero added the Recreation Board has not approached Council with a recommendation.

Thomas Farley noted, in the last set of Recreation Board minutes, it stated a second public hearing will not be held and that the Pool Committee will be meeting with the consultant to discuss the study.

Manager Greene felt the study needs to be done. The pool is about 45 years old and we need to know what the cost will be to refurbish it.

Executive Session

An "Executive Session" will be held following this meeting regarding a property issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- Next Council meeting will be held on September 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- Fall Clean-up Day will be held on September 20, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Graphite Road
- Trick or Treat Night will be held on Friday, October 31, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. by porch light invitation only
- A "Smoke Free PA Business Forum" will be held at the St. Marys Country Club, September 9th from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Richard Dornisch stated he will back off regarding the swimming pool study and see what happens.

Mayor Geyer asked to be excused from the "Executive Session".

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Gabler made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Shirley Dicklas
Recording Secretary

Mayor